Operationalisation of the newly created Railway Zones

714. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target date for completion of entire work relating to making all the newly created Railway Zones fully operational;

(b) if so, by which date the administrative building and staff quarters of the newly created East Coast Zone would be completed and the new zone would be made fully functional; and

(c) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The new zones including East Coast Railway Zone will gradually become operational depending upon the availability of investible resources. It is not possible to indicate any time-frame at this juncture.

Frequency of 2421-2422 Rajdhani Express

715. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a decision to increase the frequency of 2421-2422 Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, how many days the train would run according to the latest decision;

(c) the steps taken in the matter; and

(d) from which date the frequency would be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.